

Defense authorization conference report. The Senate may also begin consideration of Senator COVERDELL's legislation dealing with education IRA's. Subsequently, Members can anticipate further rollcall votes throughout Wednesday's session of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order following the remarks of Senator BROWNBACK.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak as in morning business for up to 5 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

THE FIRST KANSAS COLORED INFANTRY

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I take the Senate floor today to mark the anniversary of a noble and courageous effort made on behalf of our Nation by some of the brave residents, of our then very young State of Kansas.

Mr. President, 135 years ago today in the year 1862, the first Kansas colored infantry were the first union black troops of the Civil War to engage in combat—October 28th and 29th at Island Mound, or Toothman's Mound, near the town of Butler in Bates County, MO, near my hometown.

The intrepid first Kansas colored infantry's contribution at Toothman's Mound helped prompt President Abraham Lincoln to issue the Emancipation Proclamation barely 2 months later and inspired hundreds of thousands of other black soldiers to take up arms in the cause of Union and free soil—undoubtedly influencing the outcome of that war and perhaps proving decisive in preserving government of the people,

by the people, and for the people in the world as we know it.

Let me emphasize, the survival of our experiment in self-government was at stake, and these individuals paid the price to ensure that our Constitution would not perish from the Earth.

One of the easy mistakes when reading history is to assume that the outcome of great struggles was inevitable. This is not so. History is contingent, dependent on the choices and actions of real people. Things might have been very different if a few brave people hadn't acted as they did.

Without the sacrifice of our Founders we might never have known independence, certainly not in the form we now enjoy—and without the sacrifices of subsequent generations, most especially of people like those who served in the first Kansas colored infantry, our forebearers most precious gift—liberty under law—would be lost.

Mr. President the example of service, dedication, and courage set by the first Kansas colored infantry at the very moment of our Nation's greatest need should be always with us as we carry on our work here in the crucible of liberty.

Mr. President, those soldiers had reason to doubt America's promise of liberty and justice for all. But when freedom called they answered, and we are forever in their debt.

In these often selfish and cynical times, we should pause and thankfully remember the first Kansas colored infantry. The blows they struck for freedom and Union, place us forever in their debt.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—NOMINATION OF WILLIAM E. KENNARD

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the previous consent agreement with respect to the Kennard nomination be modified to include 10 minutes for debate for Senator TORRICELLI and 30 minutes equally divided between the two managers.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 11 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:19 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, October 29, 1997, at 11 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate October 28, 1997:

INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT

KATHERINE L. ARCHULETA, OF COLORADO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING MAY 19, 2000, VICE LADONNA HARRIS, RESIGNED.

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

JOSEPH ROBERT BRAME, III, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING DECEMBER 16, 1999, VICE JOHN C. TRUESDALE.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

SALLYANNE HARPER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE JOHATHAN Z. CANNON, RESIGNED.

U.S. ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

HANK BROWN, OF COLORADO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE U.S. ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 6, 2000, VICE WALTER R. ROBERTS, TERM EXPIRED.

PENNE PERCY KORTH, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE U.S. ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 2000, VICE WILLIAM HYBL, TERM EXPIRED.

MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

SUSANNE T. MARSHALL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD FOR THE TERM OF SEVEN YEARS EXPIRING MARCH 1, 2004, VICE ANTONIO C. AMADOR, RESIGNED.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate October 28, 1997:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

JOHN C. ANGELL, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (CONGRESSIONAL AND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS).

ERNEST J. MONIZ, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF ENERGY.

MICHAEL TELSON, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

DAN REICHER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (ENERGY, EFFICIENCY, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY).

ROBERT WAYNE GEE, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (POLICY, PLANNING, AND PROGRAM EVALUATION).

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

HAROLD W. FURCHTGOFF-ROTH, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS FROM JULY 1, 1995.

MICHAEL K. POWELL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS FROM JULY 1, 1997.

GLORIA TRISTANI, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 1998.

GLORIA TRISTANI, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS FROM JULY 1, 1998.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

M. JOHN BERRY, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.